

August 12, 1933.

Dear Curt:

After all these years I have taken the typewriter in tow and am punching out my overdue epistle. I had hoped to get to N.Y. but the chances have evaporated with the crowding of work. My summers always get fuller than expected. This one has been no exception.

My trip east was calm and uneventful except for some excellent dust storms (the type one reads about) in New Mexico and again in Kansas. The car behaved perfectly with the exception of its gluttonous desire for gas and oil. Harriet Creighton came out to California to drive back with me. I was delighted that she could come for she is both good company and a good driver.

The summer's work has gone well, - nothing real exciting but several nice things. We have had a nice group working here - Harriet, Marcus Rhoades, Virginia Rhoades, Randolph, Perry, Burnham, and Emerson. The season has been early and everyone is satisfied with the weather. Elsewhere in the state there has not been enough water but Ithaca got plenty. The weather is a big feature in corn work.

I have been unsettled as to what to do this fall. Because of the foreign exchange being so low, I am not going to have as much as I had expected. In consequence, I wrote to the Guggenheim people asking about travelling expenses. They wrote that I was expected to pay them from the stipend. Since, however, they realized that the stipend was low and that the foreign exchange unstable, they suggested that I stay as long as the money lasts, instead of the full year. I have not written to anyone in Berlin to see if it would be agreeable for me to come since I was not able to make definite plans. Consequently, I want your advice. Would it be all right for me to go to Berlin, look over the situation and then make plans or should I notify someone before arriving? Personally, I should rather not settle on anything until I have had a chance to get oriented but if this is not the legitimate policy I would be glad to know it. My second question is - "Whom would you advise that I see after I arrive? It is not at all important that I get started on something immediately after arriving. Any suggestions from you would be greatly appreciated.

Beets wrote me that the Dobzhanskys have a girl. You should have been there during the later stages. Dobzhansky was as nervous as if he were having the baby himself.

When Darlington left the crowd from the lab. went over to the boat to see him off. At first we felt sorry for him - the boat contained about 99 percent Japanese. We thought that there would be few conquests there. We were mistaken, however; I guess there were plenty. During the latter part of his stay he nearly abandoned the laboratory for the social life. We saw little of him.

Tell Evelyn that it was lucky that she did not stay in Pasadena too long and play too much tennis. I gave myself a nice flat foot from playing on those hard courts. I wondered what was the matter with my left foot - why it would not fit in the shoe properly but I did not suspect the answer. It was pointed out to me when I got home since it was quite obvious to anyone who might look. I was disgusted that I had allowed it to come on. Corrective methods have been installed (did you ever try picking up marbles with your toes? That's one method). Nevertheless, I have played some tennis since I returned but under controlled conditions.

Would be glad for any news of your doings.

Sincerely,

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